

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A method for controlling the behavior of an application when storing data using a logical volume manager, comprising:
 - creating a logical volume;
 - setting a new device type for the logical volume, wherein the new device type is added to a metadata within the logical volume manager; and
 - adding a new device with the new device type to a kernel space.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of creating the logical volume includes supplying the logical volume manager with a new device type for the logical volume.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - using the new device type to indicate to the application that the application may perform a particular behavior defined by the new device type.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the particular behavior defined by the new device type includes allowing the application to determine a location to begin writing data in a database.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the location to begin writing data in the database includes block zero of the logical volume control block.